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LONGER DAYS

You may not notice it but the days are already getting longer—and will continue to do so until late June, when the Summer Solstice will end the process.

The shortest day of the year fell just before Christmas, December 21st, and since that time, by a few minutes each day, the days have been stretching. Yet the coldest period of winter lies ahead—unless abnormal winter weather is in store.

If you wonder why January and February are colder than December, customarily, even though there is more daylight as the sun moves northward, the reason is that the earth has lost more of its stored heat from summer by the time the first two months of the year roll around.

In December, and especially in November, when the days and sun's heating are short, much of the summer heat is still retained by the earth but by January and February, most of it has been lost. Thus, we still have the toughest part of the winter ahead—and winter will not end until the vernal equinox March 21st, which is the first day of Spring. But, always remember, no one knows what Mother Nature, or the weather will do.

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MEMORABLE DATES

January is packed with memorable dates. One of the most memorable, and one often overlooked, is January 8th—the day in 1815 when General Andrew Jackson defeated 7,000 British troops storming his positions before New Orleans.

In the same year that Napoleon fought his last battle (Waterloo) "Old Hickory" was saving New Orleans and winning the last battle of the War of 1812, ironically after the peace treaty had been signed (Ghent, December 24, 1814). The United States had learned earlier that year of Napoleon's abdication, which freed large British forces.

Though Napoleon was to escape from St. Helena in March of 1815, to fight the Allies once again (Waterloo), American officials did not know this when they concluded peace in December, 1814, and, in any event Napoleon was defeated again in 1815.

Jackson first attacked the British December 23rd, 1814, but was repulsed, and fell back upon earthworks, which he fortified. The British finally attacked, January 8th, with 7,000 men and 2,000, including their commanding officer were lost in thirty minutes.

Another memorable January date is the 9th. On that day in 1861, the merchant steamer Star of the West attempted to land reinforcements at Fort Sumter and shore batteries opened fire and turned back the ship. The fort's commander had opposed this dangerous move, knowing that the South felt it had received clear assurance that no reenforcements would be attempted while negotiations were in progress.

Nevertheless, firing on the flag was a great victory of strategy for the North and a blunder for the South, which stirred intense passions.

The first balloon ascension in the United States occurred January 9th, in Philadelphia, in 1793. A Frenchman, Francois Blanchard, lost money on the occasion, even though President Washington attended—and gave him a written message to carry into the air.

League of Nations Day is now forgotten, but was formerly observed on January 10, for in 1920, on that date the League was established.

Virginians observe in January the birth anniversaries of three of the great Southern heroes: Robert E. Lee, Thomas J. Jackson, and Matthew Fontaine Maury.

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ON HAPPY MARRIAGES

Marriage relations experts are increasingly turning their attention to the problem of dissolving marriages in the United States. More and more the conclusion is being reached that each partner in marriage must accept the other for what he or she really is.

The really successful marriages are those in which couples learn to live, progress and improve together. This knack of growing, learning, and developing together is the key to a successful marriage, according to marriage relations experts.

A trend noted in recent years is that of younger average ages for marriages, and many of today's experts believe this is a healthy development. Early marriage is a handicap only when the couple concerned is marrying after a short infatuation, against the wishes of their parents and friends, without proper consideration of that step, or for some other reasons. However, when those most likely to be closely concerned are not opposed and when the couple concerned has given adequate consideration, marriages among young people are today not being discouraged.

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THE COUNTRY'S GROWTH

Dr. Philip M. Hauser, who is famous for his population studies and statistics, has predicted if the present rate of population growth continues, that the U. S. population might reach 1,000,000,000 persons in another 100 years. This is a surprising prediction, even for those who realize that the United States is growing rapidly.

Dr. Hauser says that by 1966, just about seven years from now, the population of the United States will be well over 190,000,000. By 1976, he thinks the population will number between 216,000,000 and 244,000,000 persons.

One basis for the phenomenal growth expected to begin in 1966, concerns the huge baby boom, which began in 1946, immediately after World War II. These post-war babies will reach the marriageable age in about 1966, and will therefore create another baby boom, and another bulge in our population.

Dr. Hauser says the United States is now gaining in population by about 2.5 million people per year.

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Washington Notes

BILLIONS SOUGHT

The World Bank and the International Monetary Fund want multi-billion dollar increases in their finicial resources.

Quotas of the United States would be boosted almost $4 billion under the plan recommended to the 68 member nations recently by governors of the two lending institutions.

A SPACE LABORATORY

A new plan for a gigantic wheel in space — intended as a laboratory 500 miles above the earth — has been proposed.

Scientists from the Lockheed Missile Systems division of Sunnyvale, California, predicted that the space art will be advanced enough to do the job in about ten years. It would cost more than $2 billion, they estimated.

FEWER DAIRY PRODUCTS

The Agriculture Department bought less butter, cheese and dried milk in its dairy price support program from April 1 to November 30 of 1958 than in the same eight months in 1957.

TO GET COMPUTER

The National Science Foundation has granted the University of North Carolina $900,000 to purchase a Univac 1105 computer to be used for basic research. The grant is the first in a series planned to assist in establishment of basic research computer centers at about twelve widely distributed regional areas throughout the United States.

ARGENTINA GETS AID

The United States Government, the International Monetary Fund and private banks have announced loans and other assistance totaling $329 million to Argentina. It was the biggest single aid program ever devised for a Latin-American nation.

INFLATION CURBS URGED

Senator Kefauver of Tennessee has gone on record as saying he thought the public would back Congress in adopting a realistic legislative program to halt inflation.

Mr. Kefauver, in a year-end statement as chairman of the Senate Anti-trust subcommittee, pictured the American public as indignant over rising living costs.

U. S. TAX CLAIM ENDED

According to an announcement by the Internal Revenue Service. Charlie Chaplin has paid the United States Government $425,000 to settle claims that he owed $700,000 in back taxes and interest.

The out-of-court settlement ended a five-year-old conflict between Federal tax collectors and the actor who left the United States in 1952 after a fourty-two-year career in Hollywood.

HAWAII ON AGENDA

With Alaska now in the union, a bill to make Hawaii the fiftieth state will be the first major legislation considered by the House Interior Committee in the new Congress.

That was the word from Chairman Aspinall (D., Col.). He said he could see no reason why the bill should not have committee approval by February 1. He set a May 1 goal for House action.

In the Senate, Chairman Murray (D., Mont.) of the Interior Committee promised an early hearing primarily to give opponents an opportunity to express their views.

U. S. GAIN PREDICTED

The Defense Department's civilian chief has said that the United States is "closing the missile gap" with the Soviet Union. He said the nation could now put a two-ton payload into orbit.

The statement was made at a news conference by Dr. Herbert F. York shortly after he was sworn in as the department's Director of Defense Research and Engineering, a new post.

S. U. seen closing missile with Soviet.

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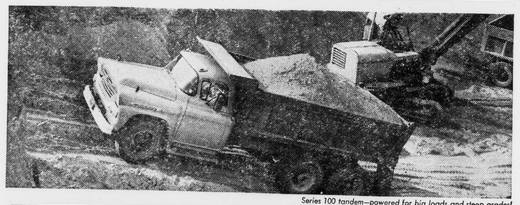

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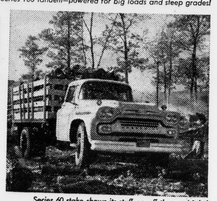

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Stonewall

Stonewall, Jan. 12—My, we really had a winter day last week. Rain and windy weather made it so very hard to travel.

Rev. Aaron Smith preached at Bethel Church Sunday morning at 11:15. He was the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Stratton

I want to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davidson on the birth of a daughter, Rebecca Anne, at Virginia Baptist Hospital last Thursday. Both are getting on fine and will soon be returning home.

Mrs. Howlett Drinkard, Mrs. Clifton Drinkard and Mr. C. D. Drinkard visited Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick on last Tuesday evening.

So glad to hear Mrs. John Burnett is getting on so nice and is expected to return home soon. Hope she will soon be feeling real good.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wheeler and family, of Richmond, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler.

Rev. Aaron Smith and Mr. E. L. Chick visited some of the sick ones of our community last Wednesday afternoon. He was the supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. Chick. He then went to Bethel to conduct prayer meeting that night.

Mrs. Henry Beard and Lawrence were dinner guests of her parents on Sunday. Also visited Mrs. J. H. Beard and boys in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Cantrell Smith and girls and Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Shoalters and Steve, of Lynchburg, visited Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Drinkard spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Austin, at Appomattox.

Pamplin Rt. 1

Appomattox Rt. 1 — Mrs. Ernest Reid visited in Richmond over the holidays in the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. David Foldesi.

Mr. and Mrs. David Barker of Lynchburg spent the week-end in Richmond. Also David Reid, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. David Barker took supper with Mrs. David Reid Saturday.

Mrs. Josephine Carwile spent a few hours with Mrs. Ruth Reid Christmas.

Three republics in French West Africa urge federation.

British link currency shift to the weakness of dollar.

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PASTURE SCHOOLS SET AT MIDDLEBURG

Livestock breeders and dairymen will be brought up-to-date on trends in managing and feeding stock at the annual pasture school sponsored at Middleburg by the VPI agronomy department February 18 and 19.

The program Wednesday, February 18, will be tailored for livestock producers, and will feature discussions by several staff members from VPI and from the Northern Virginia Pasture Research Station at Middleburg. A discussion on weed control in pastures and hay crops by Dr. W. E. Chappell, professor of plant physiology, VPI, will begin the program. Other morning speakers will include: D. E. McCloud, U. S. Department of Agriculture Forage and Range Research Branch, Beltsville, Md.; and Dr. R. E. Blaser, VPI agronomist. Afternoon speakers will include R. C. Carter and C. C. Mast, VPI animal husbandmen, and R. C. Hammes and Dr. H. T. Bryant, agronomists at the Middleburg station.

Drs. Chappell, McCloud, Blaser, and Bryant also will lecture at the program for dairymen Thursday, February 19. They will be joined by W. A. Hardison, dairy scientist at VPI.

Dr. John R. Hutcheson, president, VPI Educational Foundation, will preside the first day. Dr. H. N. Young, director, VPI Agricultural Experiment Station, will preside the second day.

A tour of experiments at the Middleburg station will conclude the program on both days of the pasture school.

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